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**ex·am·ple** [ ig zámp'l ]

noun (*plural* ex·am·ples)

### Definition:

**1. sample:** something that is representative by virtue of having typical features of the thing it represents

• *a fine example of Baroque carving*

**2. model:** a person, action, or thing taken as a model to be copied or avoided by others

• *Her achievement is an example to us all.*

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**something:** an illustration that supports or provides more information on an opinion, theory, or principle

• *The prosecutor then listed several examples of the accused's mismanagement of funds.*

**4. learning aid:** an exercise or description that illustrates a principle, method, or problem

• *Each chapter contains easy-to-follow examples.*

transitive verb (*past and past participle* ex·am·pled, *present participle* ex·am·pling, *3rd person present singular* ex·am·ples)

### Definition:

**exemplify something:** to be an example of something  
( *archaic* ) ( *usually passive* )

[14th century. < Old French < Latin *exemplum* < *eximere* "take out" < *emere* "take"]

**for example** used to introduce a typical instance of somebody or something

**make an example of somebody** to punish somebody as a warning to

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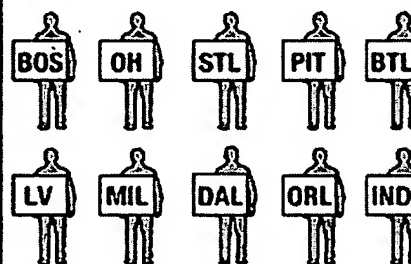
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**a** [ stressed ay, unstressed ə ]

**CORE MEANING:** the indefinite article, used before a singular countable noun to refer to one person or thing not previously known or specified, in contrast with "the," referring to somebody or something known to the listener

- *I need a new car.*

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**Definition:**

**1. indicates type:** used before a noun to indicate that somebody or something has some of the same qualities as the person or thing mentioned

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- *a Hercules*
- *He's a genius.*

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2. **one:** used instead of "one"  
with words of measurement

- *a teaspoonful of salt*

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3. **per:** in each or in every

- *twice a day*

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4. **indicates somebody not  
known personally:** used to  
indicate somebody not  
personally known, but known of

- *There's a Mr. O'Flynn here to see  
you.*

5. **any:** used in negative  
structures to emphasize a  
complete absence of something

- *He doesn't have a hope!*

[ Old English, shortening of *ān*  
(see one)]

### a or an?

A is the form of the indefinite  
article used before words that  
are pronounced with an initial  
consonant sound (even if the  
spelling does not begin with a  
consonant): *a banana; a  
hunk; a ewe*. An is used  
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vowel sound (even if an  
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*heir*. The same rule regarding sound rather than spelling applies to abbreviations: *a CD* but *an LP*. The practice of using *an* before words beginning with *h* and an unstressed syllable (for example, *an hotel*, *an historic occasion*) is falling out of use, and it is much more usual now to hear *a hotel* and *a historic occasion*, with the *h* sounded.



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adverb

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1. **considerably:** in an extensive, substantial, or ample way

2. **essentially:** in essence

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